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A.A., Cumberland Road A.A., Eastbourne Unemployed Men's Show, Commended, Cinderford A.A., Thundersley A.A., Forest Hill A.A., Tewkesbury A.A., The Hospital A.A.

The Unemployed Men's Show for the Forest of Dean, which was staged at Cinderford, was somewhat of a revelation. The specimens of vegetables on view surprised many expert growers who visited the Show. They reached such a consistent high standard that Mr. Ben Lewis and the other judges must have had an extraordinarily difficult task when adjudicating.

The Show made two things abundantly clear: 1st, that good show stuff can be grown from "Scheme" seed, and 2nd, that the men of the Forest are in the first rank as growers.

The Lord Derby Cup for the best collection of vegetables by unemployed men in Lancashire was competed for at the Lancashire Show, held in Bolton. St. Helens, the winners, were congratulated upon their success.

Another Lancashire triumph was registered at the South Lancashire Flower Show. Bamber Bridge, competing against 15 other districts, won the Silver Challenge Cup.

Pioneer efforts are always interesting, especially when they are organised on short notice and done really well. South Liverpool Association has won fresh laurels by the splendour of its show, organised by its Dunbabin Section and held in Wavertree. It is hoped that this Show will now become an annual event and that others encouraged by the success of this venture, will "go on" likewise.

Keighley Horticultural and Allotment Holders' Association this year held its 99th Annual Exhibition. Lord Ashburton, known as the Earl of Shaftesbury, is said to have started all allotment shows in this country, but the Keighley Show began 17 years later. His first show was held in the South.

Our Brentford Association created a record at its 18th Annual Show entries being up by 100. There were 63 classes. Mr. Wilkins, a successful exhibitor, took a prize for carrots in the *Chronicle* national contest.

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